

REMARKS

Examiner's amendment

By the way of the Examiner's amendment mailed March 27, 2008, claims 1, 64, 65, 68 and 105 were amended. Previously withdrawn claims 62, 63 and 69–104 were cancelled. These amendments have been incorporated into the current listing of the claims.

Originally-presented independent claim 1 was divided into two independent claims in the Examiner's amendment, with sub-claim (b) being recited as new claim 106 but additionally incorporating the elements recited in present claim 51 (i.e., capability to produce H_2O_2) and claim 53 (i.e., a L-lysine and/or L-arginine oxidase) along with an amendment of the hybridization language recited therein (see, the paragraph bridging page 12 and 13 of originally-filed specification for support). The amendments to claims 64, 65, 68 and 105 are as indicated at page 3 of the Examiner's answer, and are self-explanatory.

This paper is being filed to correct the inadvertent error in the Examiner's amendment. See, claim 105.

Claims

Claims 1, 51-57, 64, 65, and 67, 68, 105 and 106 are currently under examination. Claims 2–50, 58–63, 66 and 69–104 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 107–114 are added by this paper.

Claim amendments

The dependency of claim 105 has been changed to claim 106. The stringent hybridization conditions recited therein has been changed to conform to claim 106, which was added by the way of the Examiner's amendment. See, *supra*.

New claims 107–114 are identical to allowed claims 54–57, 64, 65, 67 and 68, except that they are made dependent on claim 106.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments presented herein do not require an additional search and involves, at most, a cursory review of the record. Entry thereof and passage to allowance is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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